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ACTION SCSE-00

INFO OCT-01 AF-05 ADP-00 EB-11 FAA-00 SCA-01 SSO-00 PRS-01

CCO-00 H-02 /021 W
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O 201642 Z MAR 73
FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2361
INFO AMCONSUL BUKAVU IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: N/ A
TAGS: ETRN, CDES, RW
SUBJ: CRASH OF AMERICAN REGISTRY LIGHT AIRCRAFT

1. REGRET REPORT CRASH MARCH 20 AROUND 0930 HOURS
SOME 12 MILES SOUTH KIGALI AIRPORT OF US REGISTERED
AIRCRAFT NO. N7508 W (CHEROKEE 180). THERE ARE NO
REPEAT NO SURVIVORS. REMNANTS OF REMAINS SUGGEST
PILOT AND ONE PASSENGER WERE ON BOARD. FROM PAPERS
RECOVERED AT SCENE OF CRASH BY EMBASSY OFFICERS
PILOT OR PASSENGER BELIEVED JOHN SANFORD, MISSIONARY RESIDING
BUKAVU AND FROM BEREAN MISSION, 3536 RUSSELL BLVD.,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. ENVELOPES RECOVERED WITH
KENYA ADDRESSES INDICATE AIRCRAFT WAS EN ROUTE NAIROBI.

2. EMBASSY FIRST INFORMED BY KIGALI AIRPORT TOWER
AFTERNOON MARCH 20. TOWER WANTED KNOW WHETHER
EMBASSY KNEW OF POINT ORIGIN OR DESTINATION
AIRCRAFT. EMBASSY HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF FLIGHT

EMBASSY OFFICERS WENT AT ONCE TO SITE. RWANDAN
AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING.

3. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING REACH AMCONSUL BUKAVU TO
EXCHANGE INFORMATION. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT
NOT REPEAT NOT INFORM BEREAN MISSION IN ST. LOUIS
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UNTIL IDENTITY VICTIMS ESTABLISHED. CORRIGAN

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